

# Harvard Serves Everywhere

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING

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Harvard Serves Everywhere is a pilot program that connects students with virtual volunteer opportunities. If you would like to publicize a virtual volunteer opportunity out to the Harvard community, take two minutes to [list it here](#).

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### Harvard-Based Opportunities

- 1) **The COVID-19 Ethnographic Taskforce (CoVET)** is a research initiative studying the essential worker's experience of the COVID-19 pandemic to explore what is deemed "essential" to the functioning of our society. CoVET is working to evaluate the effects of federal policy decisions on essential workers and to develop a critique of federal and state governmental responses for advocacy purposes. They are seeking students to help with ethnography, data analytics, web development, community outreach, and social media efforts. For more information, contact Anu Zaman at [anushazaman@college.harvard.edu](mailto:anushazaman@college.harvard.edu).
- 2) **Operation CORE** strives to fundraise for Boston Chinatown businesses and support high school students with academics and college preparation. They are specifically looking for undergraduate volunteers to serve as mentors. For more information, contact Katie Gao at [katiegao@college.harvard.edu](mailto:katiegao@college.harvard.edu) or visit <https://www.harvardcsa.org/outreach>.
- 3) **Harvard College Fund** fosters a philanthropic community in support of the vital and enduring teaching, learning, and research mission of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Harvard College Fund is seeking student perspectives to drive programming and communication efforts. For more information, contact Molly Stansik at [molly\\_stansik@harvard.edu](mailto:molly_stansik@harvard.edu) or visit <https://alumni.harvard.edu/college/college-giving/harvard-college-fund/student-philanthropy>.
- 4) Harvard has formed a **Coronavirus Visualization Team** that is working to show objective statistics from reliable sources on what has been and what will be most impacted, provide help to organizations fighting on the frontlines, and develop data-driven policy proposals. For more information, contact Lucas Chu at [lucaschu@college.harvard.edu](mailto:lucaschu@college.harvard.edu) or visit <https://scholar.harvard.edu/cvt/about>.

- 5) The **Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic** is doing some comprehensive tracking of federal, state, and local policies related to the food system during the COVID-19 pandemic and could use some student volunteers to help with the tracking and potentially with some analysis and write up of results. If interested, please contact Erika Dunyak at [edunyak@law.harvard.edu](mailto:edunyak@law.harvard.edu).

## **Arts and Education**

- 1) **Open Online Education Project (OOEP)** is a group of students, faculty, and technologists, growing out of Harvard and MIT, working on online education at the university level. They are developing open-source online educational tools, advocating for the publishing of free online education materials, and creating collaborations between institutions to address problems in online education. For more information, visit [ooep.org/projects](http://ooep.org/projects).
- 2) **Mujeres Unidas Avanzando** is a Dorchester-based adult education center, offering language classes, healthcare trainings, computer classes, and other services. Their mission is to help our students develop the skills they need to succeed. They are looking for students to provide translation assistance. Their students are primarily Spanish-speaking, but they also would welcome student volunteers who speak Portuguese, French, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Arabic. For more information, contact Caitlin Shalvey at [cjshalvey17@gmail.com](mailto:cjshalvey17@gmail.com).
- 3) **UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency**, is organizing a Youth with Refugees Art Contest to raise awareness of COVID-19 prevention within the community of over 70 million people globally who have fled their homes due to conflict or persecution. Anyone 25 years old or younger can submit a drawing to send the message that #everyonecounts in the fight against the virus. The best creations will be animated and shared with UNHCR's 8 million followers. For more information, visit <https://www.unhcr.org/youth-with-refugees-art-contest.html>.
- 4) **The Mentorship Project** is a national organization looks to aid underprivileged rising high school seniors with free, remote and personalized college admissions counseling. They are seeking students to [volunteer in a number of capacities](#).
- 5) **Picture Social Justice**, an organization launched in April 2020, promotes social justice through the production and distribution of documentary films. These films raise awareness, educate, and advocate for those adversely impacted by social justice issues. They are in post production on a film called "Execution by the Numbers." This film focuses on the criminal justice system and death penalty cases involving individuals with intellectual disabilities. Picture Social Justice is seeking students to help with research and promotion related to the film. For more information, visit <https://executionbythenumbers.com> or contact Paula Caplan at [paulacaplan@gmail.com](mailto:paulacaplan@gmail.com).

- 6) **The Child is Innocent** is an all-volunteer, non-governmental organization that provides scholarships and leadership development training to approximately 100 children in Northern Uganda each year. They are seeking an undergraduate student willing to make a multi-year commitment of approximately 2-3 hours per week in the role of Student/Sponsor Relations Director. This person will be responsible for communications and correspondence with sponsored students. They will also work to track graduates of the program and provide feedback to the Ugandan field team. Pending future travel clearance, the person in this role will have the opportunity to travel to Uganda for 2-4 weeks work directly with students. For more information, contact Dr. Kevin Schwartz at [krschwartz@mgh.harvard.edu](mailto:krschwartz@mgh.harvard.edu).
- 7) **CovEd** is a community of undergraduates, postgraduates, students, and educators from colleges/universities across the U.S. who serve as mentors for K-12 students in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit <https://www.coved.org/>.
- 8) **EduMate NYC** is a group of college students seeking to support New York City public school students in this time of need by connecting them with free, virtual tutoring. They focus on helping students from low-income, underrepresented, and vulnerable communities. For more information, visit <https://students.edumatenyc.org>.

### **Public Health**

- 1) **American Red Cross** is seeking blood donations as supplies are critically low across the country. Find your blood drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

### **Immigrant, Refugee, and Human Rights Advocacy**

- 1) **Amnesty International** is creating a global network of digital volunteers to help with researching human rights violations. For more information about specific projects and volunteer registration, visit <https://decoders.amnesty.org>.
- 2) **Translators Without Borders** is seeking virtual volunteers to help provide translation services. Whether students are interested in translating medical texts or translating for crisis response, there are engaging projects for a number of needs. For more information, visit <https://translatorswithoutborders.org/volunteer/>.

- 3) **International Rescue Committee** is seeking virtual volunteers to support their Digital Access Project and their Refugee Empowerment Volunteer program. For more information, visit <https://www.rescue.org/volunteer/remote-volunteer-opportunities>.
- 4) **AsylumConnect** is seeking a web developer to help build out a tech resource platform designed for those fleeing persecution due to sexual orientation or gender identity. They are seeking volunteers who are able to devote 5-10 hours per week toward this project. For more information, visit <https://asylumconnect.org/position/web-developer-apply/>.

### **Environmental Advocacy**

- 1) **Association to Preserve Cape Cod** is seeking volunteers to assist with a membership drive to expand their environmental advocacy to reach college aged students. Their mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the Cape's natural resources. Volunteers can develop public service announcements on a variety of environmental issues. For more information, visit <https://apcc.org/> or contact Kristin Andres at [kandres@apcc.org](mailto:kandres@apcc.org).
- 2) The **Center for Houston's Future** is working on city-wide projects focused on climate change, health care, and immigration. They are currently looking for two students to work on summer projects related to climate change and health care. For more information, contact Brett Perlman at [brett@brettperlman.com](mailto:brett@brettperlman.com).
- 3) **Sierra Club** is seeking virtual volunteers for a number of communications-focused environmental advocacy projects across the U.S. For more information, visit <https://clubvolunteer.org/volunteer>.

### **Supply Drives**

- 1) **Feeding America** is organizing volunteers to help with food collection and meal delivery. To find ways to support your local food bank, visit <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/volunteer>.

## **Crisis Response**

- 1) **Crisis Text Line** is seeking volunteers to respond to crisis situations across the United States. For more information, visit <https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/>.
- 2) **RAINN** is seeking volunteers to support the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline. This hotline provides live, secure, anonymous crisis support to the growing number of people who prefer communicating online through a simple instant message format, giving those affected by sexual assault a safe place to receive support. For more information, visit <https://rainn.org/volunteer>.

## **Technical and Archival Support**

- 1) **Father Joe's Villages**, a San Diego-based program that helps people experiencing homelessness and poverty, is seeking volunteers to help them build an agency intranet, an interactive phone application, and a virtual campus tour video. For more information, contact Rocio Hammershaimb at [rocio.hammershaimb@neighbor.org](mailto:rocio.hammershaimb@neighbor.org).
- 2) **United Nations Volunteers** offers a variety of ways for volunteers to use writing, design, research, and technical skills to support organizations around the world. For more information, visit <https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/opportunities>.
- 3) **The Smithsonian** seeks digital volunteers to assist in transcribing historical documents to make them more accessible to the general public. Join 20,633 "volunpeers" to add more to the total 561,436 pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums, manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels that have been collaboratively transcribed and reviewed since June 2013. For more information, visit <https://transcription.si.edu/browse?filter=all&sort=notdone>.
- 4) The **Library of Congress** is looking for virtual volunteers to transcribe, review, tag, and catalog their vast library of documents. For more information, visit <https://crowd.loc.gov>.

## **Voter Engagement**

- 1) **New Voters** is a student-run 501(c)(3) that works towards 100% voter registration in high schools across America. They empower high school student-leaders to host successful non-partisan voter registration drives at their school through a college mentorship program. New Voters is currently rolling out its innovative near-to-peer mentorship framework with the goal of registering 100,000 high school students by the 2020 general election. They are in need of college volunteers to serve as mentors that provide guidance to high school students and communicate via email with their assigned mentees nationwide. For more information please visit: <https://www.new-voters.org>.
- 2) Join the **Harvard Votes Challenge** team and promote voting on campus and in your home community. If you want to schedule a training, contact Akhila Yalvigi at [ayalvigi@college.harvard.edu](mailto:ayalvigi@college.harvard.edu).

## **Mutual Aid Network**

Find your local mutual aid network through **Mutual Aid Hub** to meet an immediate need in your home community. For more information, visit <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>.